



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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THEREOF

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the January 23, 2003 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 8-12 and 18 have been previously withdrawn from consideration.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7,13-17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Akimoto (U.S. Patent No. 6,480,179). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Akimoto does not qualify as a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) because the March 7, 2000 U.S. filing date of Akimoto is after the January 7, 2000 filing date of British Patent Application No. 0000376.4 from which the present application claims priority. Thus, the rejection of the claims is invalid. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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